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Sir:

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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The translation of JP2003-313446 is provided by Industrial Property Digital Library (IPDL) of Japan Patent Office (JPO).

The Japanese references listed are First Cited in the "Presentation of Publications and the like" in the corresponding application of the present invention.


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